

Cruisin' Through Construction



Interstate 215 Widening Project, San Bernardino

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Come Play!



Enjoy Fun &
Games on
Route 210
on June 23

Time is drawing near for the State Route 210 pre-grand opening celebration in San Bernardino and Rialto. **Come Play on the Freeway: The Finale!**

The festivities will take place on the newly paved freeway lanes on June 23 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event will feature bike rides, 5K and 10K runs and walks, a classic car show, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, concessions, a bounce house for children, and much, much more.

Some events require registration and entry fees. Proceeds will benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Rialto and San Bernardino and the American Cancer Society. For more information on the event or volunteering, go to www.playonthe210.org.

Project Questions?

For questions or to request a presentation about the widening of Interstate 215, call the toll-free helpline, **1-877-215-NEWS**.



5th Street Bridge Changing Look

Motorists driving past the 5th Street bridge in San Bernardino during the past month may have noticed plenty of changes taking place, due to construction activities.

By the end of May, crews had driven most of the 280 large steel piles that help support the new bridge columns and bridge ends. The remaining piles will be completed by mid-June.

In addition, crews have temporarily widened the south side of the bridge at each of the ends. This allows crews to lay the foundation for the ends of the north side of the bridge. Work includes building forms, placing rebar and pouring concrete so work on the bridge deck can begin.

Street improvements at 5th, H, and J streets will continue throughout June and the coming months, with freeway and street closures issued as necessary.



Crews made great strides in May in setting up columns and foundation work for the 5th Street bridge.

Crews Prepare for Work Between Orange Show Road and Rialto Avenue

Caltrans crews are getting ready for the next phase of the I-215 widening project between Orange Show Road and Rialto Avenue, slated to begin later this year. Major improvements will be along this 1.3-mile stretch of freeway to make it a smoother, safer and more aesthetically pleasing drive. Highlights include:

- New diamond interchanges at Mill Street and Inland Center Drive with modified ramps that will be widened and turn lanes added
- The Mill Street underpass will now be below grade
- Artwork on the Mill Street underpass will show natural fountains from the area that native Indians used for spiritual and everyday purposes
- A replica of the profile of the San Bernardino Mountains will be depicted along the walls of the freeway and will include the arrowhead for San Bernardino
- The 3rd Street underpass will have artwork of a locomotive to recognize the importance of the railway hub to the City of San Bernardino
- Collector lanes (lanes that run parallel to the freeway and 'collect' cars getting off or on the freeway) will be added from Inland Center Drive to Mill Street
- Clearing/replanting shrubs and palm trees along this segment of the freeway